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News Release

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Pendleton, Oregon—Smashing all records is the best way to describe the achievement of the 2006 Fall Poker Round-Up at Wildhorse Resort and Casino. The total prize money of \$1,331,075 topped last fall's total of \$1,085,900 by a quarter of a million dollars and saw another 1,000 players participate, for a total of just over 4,800.

The poker tournament is the largest in the West, outside of Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The Poker Round-Up is a bi-annual event—April and November—and poker players from all over the United States, including many professionals, pencil in Wildhorse twice each year to their schedule. Since the Spring, 2002, event, the purse has grown by 1200%, from \$102,400 over four days, to the present 10-day event's \$1.3 million.

Each day is played as a separate tournament, with cash winners for the day. In addition, the winners receive points that are totaled at the end of the 10 days to award the Overall Championship. This year's top prize went to Randy Mahaney, Bend, Oregon, who won 3rd on day 2, capturing \$24,740, then won 1st on Day 8 for \$31,005. His prize for the championship was to receive \$5,000 added to his player account with FullTiltPoker.com, a sponsor of the Wildhorse tournament.

Other overall winners were Steven Liebenthal, Boise, who won a 3rd and 1st for a total of \$54,398; Ralph Morton, Yakima, a two time winner with \$15,513; Jordan Rich, Portland, who won \$41,407 on day 2, and Cameron Jewett, Clarkston, Washington. Jewett took first on Saturday, the last and biggest day of the Round-Up, winning \$72,750. They won either \$5,000 in a FullTiltPoker account or a cruise to Mexico.

The tournament provides cash awards to approximately 10% of each day's players.

Morton is a perennial winner at the Poker Round-Up, winning a first as recently as this spring. The overall champion last fall, Ryon Nicholson, Beaverton, Oregon, who also won a first this past spring, was back again. He won three times this fall for a total of \$2,300 but never placed better than 8th. Other multiple winners this fall were Brandon Whiteside, Portland, also a winner last spring, who won twice this time for \$5,250; well-known player Susie Isaacs, Las Vegas, also a two-time winner for a total of \$12,755; and another professional, "Oklahoma" Johnny Hale, Las Vegas, who won twice for \$31,090.

With its growing purse the tournament is also growing a reputation and attracting players from more distant cities. Among them this time were St. Louis; Atlanta; Wilmington, North Carolina; Biloxi, Mississippi; and Baton Rouge and Destrehari, both in Louisiana.

But the tournament is predominantly Northwestern, with most of the players from Oregon and Washington.

Locally, Jae Yun, Hermiston, a previous winner, took \$2,010 with two wins. Other local winners were Jesse Minton, Pendleton, \$2,820; Irene Fitzpatrick, Pendleton, who won \$1,855 with 6th place in the Ladies tournament on day 6; and Richard Walczyk, Pilot Rock, who won 5th on day 9 for \$6,475.

>From the Tri-Cities there were six winners: Pat Iribarren, Kennewick, \$5,875; Darren Rodabaugh, Kennewick, \$875; Charlie West, Kennewick, \$780; Kathie Langston, Kennewick, \$1,545; Chuck Franklin, Pasco, \$2,000; and 2nd place winner on day 8, Ryan Donaldson, Kennewick, \$24,675.

The winner of each day's event, beginning with day 1:

Pete Giovine, Seattle, \$34,298, No-limit Hold 'em
Jordan Rich, Portland, \$41,407 No-limit Hold 'em
Jerry Carr, Mill City, OR, \$26,265 Limit Hold 'em
Thom Roholt, Seaside, OR, \$27,887 No-limit Hold 'em
Antonio Ennis, Suisun City, CA, \$10,076 7-card Stud
Jamie Hunphreys, Yelm, WA, \$8,214 Ladies No-limit Hold 'em
Ralph Morton, Yakima, WA, \$15,223 Omaha High/Low 8
Randy Mahaney, Bend, OR, \$31,005 No-limit Hold 'em
Steve Liebenthal, Boise, \$37,078 No-limit Shoot Out
Cameron Jewett, Clarkston, WA, \$72,750 No-limit Hold 'em

Dates for 2007's Poker Round-Ups are April 18-28 and November 6-18.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.3 million slot jackpot. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or www.wildhorseresort.com. Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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